



# Connaught Heights Elementary

## Weekly Newsletter – October 10, 2025

### Important Dates

Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday (School closed)
Oct. 17	PAC Pumpkin Patch & Spirit Day – wear orange & black
Oct. 22 & 23	3-way Conferences – Early Dismissal – students dismissed at 12:05pm
Oct. 24	Pro-D Day (School closed for students)
Oct. 28	Woomi Sushi Fun Lunch
Oct. 30	Elementary Collaboration Day – students dismissed at 12:05
Oct. 31	Halloween

### Attendance

If your child will be absent or late, please let the office know. You can report an absence the following ways:

[Use the Report an Absence form](#)

**Phone:** 604-517-6010 (*voicemail available 24/7*)

**Email:** [connaughtheights@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:connaughtheights@sd40.bc.ca)

Please remember that the morning bell rings at 8:50 am and your child's attendance is taken at that time. If your child is late for school, they **MUST** check in with the office before they go to class.

### Principal's Message:



**Dear Connaught families,**

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to show their beautiful colours around us, we are reminded of the joy that comes with change and growth. This season offers us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on and show gratitude for the many ways our school community supports and cares for one another.

At school, some of the values we focus on developing are kindness, empathy, and responsibility. These core values help the students grow not only as learners but, more importantly, as compassionate friends and responsible citizens of their communities. In my short time here at Connaught Heights, I have noticed many occasions where students have shown many acts of kindness, whether it's sharing a smile, offering help to a classmate, or simply saying a heartfelt 'thank you'.

You play a huge role in nurturing these caring habits and life-long skills, and we are grateful for your partnership and the love you bring to our school community every day. Together, we create a place where every child feels seen, supported, and celebrated.

Wishing you a cozy, colorful, and caring October!  
Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

With gratitude, Mr. Elves

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>



Wear **ORANGE & BLACK**  
on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>!



## PAC News

Thank you to all those that attended the PAC meeting this week. This year's budget was presented and approved. The minutes will be shared in next week's newsletter.

**Pumpkin Patch:**  
**Friday, October 17**  
**Join us from 3 - 4 pm**



We will once again be transforming the field in front of the playground into our very own Pumpkin Patch! After lunch the students will visit the pumpkin patch during school hours (please send a bag with handles with your child). The event will continue after school with even more fun! There will be hot chocolate, snacks, and games and activities for the kids. All free!

### Winter Fundraising Event

We would appreciate your input! Please complete this [survey](#) by **Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Woomi Sushi Fun Lunch - October 28

School Cash Online closes on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Return-It

Don't forget the PAC has an account at Return-It! Drop off your pop cans and other beverage containers in the white bin in the courtyard at the school (just inside the gate when entering from London Street) and the deposits collected will go straight to the PAC.

Follow us on Instagram: @connaughtheightspac

Join the PAC WhatsApp Group for general updates and reminders:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KZOM9Ys9TLoHGL54AcZsWK>

Join the PAC Volunteer WhatsApp Community to get involved with events and fundraising:

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/C6lkU7Qvmex1UzuccfQWMS?mode=ems\\_copy\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/C6lkU7Qvmex1UzuccfQWMS?mode=ems_copy_t)

Email us at [chpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacchair@gmail.com) or [chpacvchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacvchair@gmail.com)

## Next Year Kindergarten Information

### Kindergarten Information Evening for Parents/Guardians of children born in 2021

- Monday, October 20, 2025
- Location: NWSS Main Commons and Theater
- 5:30-7:00pm - Booths open and hosted by kindergarten teachers and community partners
- 7:00-8:00pm - Main presentation

## Community News

### Thrive Parents —

**Fri, Oct 17, 6:30–8:30 PM (Quayside)**

A calm, judgment-free space for parents/caregivers of neurodivergent children to connect and share practical strategies.

**Guest:** Peer Support Worker **Shawna Comey (FamilySmart BC).**

Light snacks and fidgets provided.

**Where:** New West Family Place – Quayside (112–960 Quayside Dr)

**Cost:** Free; **registration required**

[Click here to register](#)

For more information [click here](#)

### Hallowe'en on the Quay —

**Thu, Oct 31, 5:00–7:00 PM (car-free)**

Our **2nd annual Trick or Treat on the Boardwalk:** stroller-friendly, **car-free** trick-or-treating along the Riverfront Esplanade behind Family Place (**960 Quayside Dr**).

Family Place will host activities and a treat station; **local residents are encouraged to set up their own treat tables** along the boardwalk.

**Cost:** Free; **drop-in**

For more information [click here](#)

## Lost & Found



### Our Lost and Found is already very full!

Please stop by the courtyard, outside the office and take a look for anything your child may have forgotten.

## StrongStart

Ms. Laura, our wonderful StrongStart Educator, is happy to welcome new and returning families to StrongStart!

**StrongStart is a free early learning program for children ages 0-5 with one adult.**

Here is the [2025-2026 StrongStart Calendar](#)

For more information on the program and how to register click here:

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/early-learning/strongstart/>

